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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002. The original deadline for response was February 19, 2003. A petition for a 3 month extension is enclosed, thus extending the period for response until May 19, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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